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SUBJECT: R/V IDA GREEN CLEARANCE REQUEST, 1 FEB - 1 MAY
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1. R/V IDA GREEN, A PRIVATE VESSEL OPERATED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS MARINE SCIENCE INSTITUTE, IS PLANNING TO CONDUCT MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IN THE GULF OF MEXICO. THE RESEARCH IS BEING FUNDED BY A COLLECTION OF U.S. OIL COMPANIES AND IS BEING DONE IN COOPERATION WITH PEMEX, THE INSTITUTO MEXICANO DEL PETROLEO, AND THE UNIVERSITY OF MEXICO. THE OBJECTIVE OF THE RESEARCH IS TO COLLECT GEOPHYSICAL DATA, WHICH WILL BE USED BY UNIV. OF TEXAS TO STUDY THE FORMATION, STRUCTURE, AND TECTONICS OF THE GULF BASIN AND BY THE PETROLEUM SPONSORS TO EXPAND THEIR KNOWLEDGE REGARDING THE LOCATION OF MINERAL RESERVES WITHIN THE REGION.

2. IDA GREEN WILL CONDUCT SEISMIC REFLECTION PROFILING AND OCEAN BOTTOM SEISMOMETER (OBS), REFRACTION INVESTIGATION.
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TIONS AS DESCRIBED ON A STATION LOCATION CHART WHICH IS BEING POUCHED. DREDGING AND CORING WILL BE CONDUCTED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE OBS RESEARCH, ALL OF WHICH WILL BE DONE ON LEG 1 WITH THE SEISMIC REFLECTION RESEARCH SCHEDULED FOR LEG II. LEG I WILL REQUIRE ABOUT HALF THE

CLEARANCE PERIOD. A CDP (COMMON-DEPTH-POINT) SEISMIC

SYSTEM WILL BE USED AS WELL AS A PRECISION DEPTH RECORDER, MAGNETOMETER, AND GRAVIMETER. FIVE TO TEN POUND CHARGES OF "NITROMON" WILL BE USED IN THE REFRACTION RESEARCH.

3. THE CHIEF SCIENTISTS ARE BOTH AFFILIATED WITH UNIV. OF TEXAS. LEG I - GARY Z. LATHAM AND LEG II - J. LAMAR WORZEL. TWO BERTHS ARE AVAILABLE FOR GOM PARTICIPANTS AND IT IS BELIEVED THAT SCIENTISTS FROM PEMEX AND INSTITUTO MEXICANO DEL PETROLEO WILL PARTICIPATE. ALL DATA RESULTS WILL BE FREELY SHARED WITH GOM.

4. SHIP'S CAPTAIN IS OTIS MURRAY WITH A CREW OF 9 AND SCIENTIFIC PARTY OF 10. IDA GREEN IS 198 GROSS TONS, 129 FT. LONG, AND HAS A 10 FT. DRAFT. RADIO CALL SIGN IS WV2229 AND SHIP MONITORS 2182 KHZ CONTINUOUSLY AT SEA.

5. ACTION: EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO SEEK PERMISSION OF GOM FOR R/V IDA GREEN TO CONDUCT RESEARCH IN MEXICAN TERRITORIAL WATERS AND ON THEIR CONTINENTAL SHELF DURING PERIOD 1 FEB - 1 MAY 1978. CHRISTOPHER

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